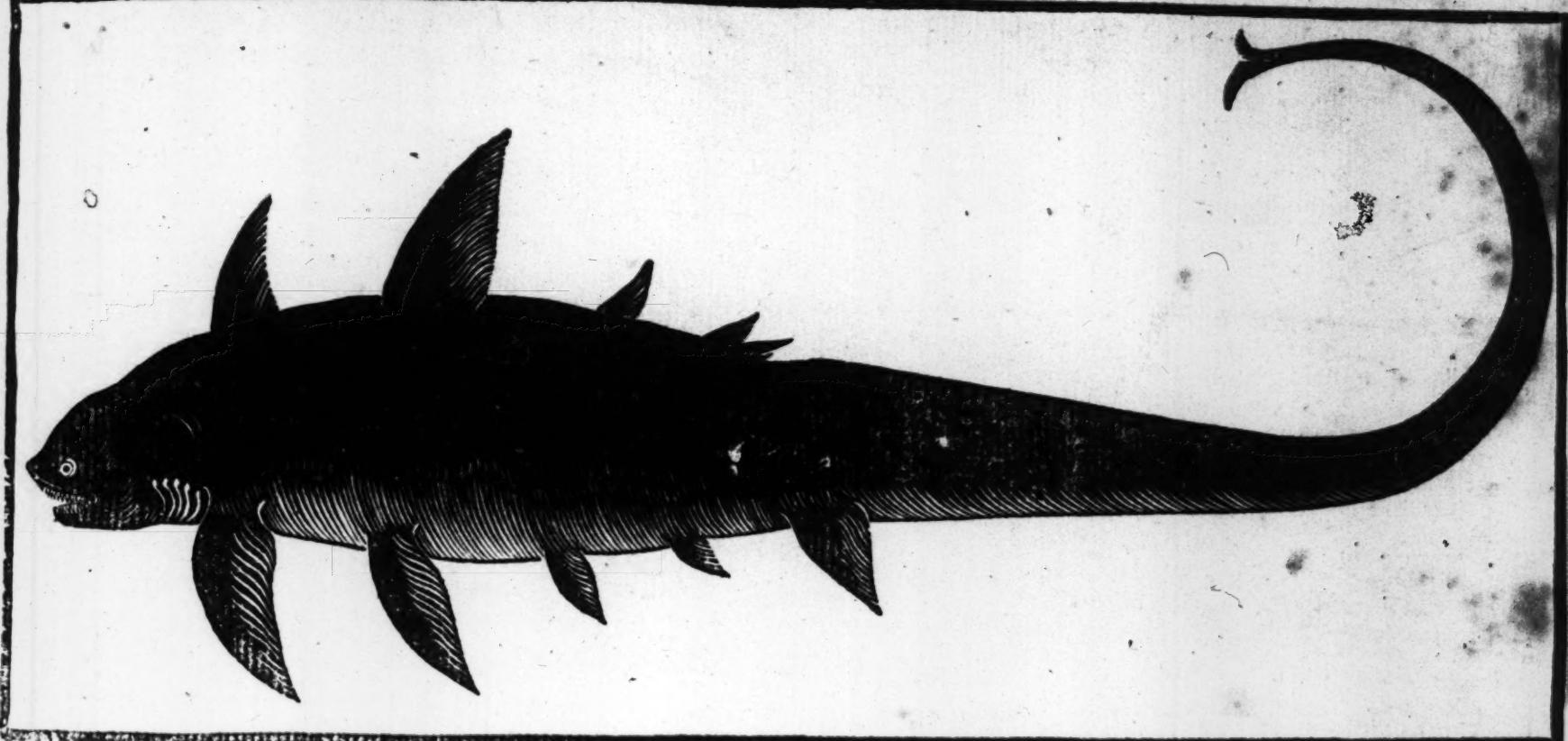


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The true discrspcion of this marueilous straunge fish, whiche was taken on thursday was sennight, the xvi. day of June, this present month, in the yeare of our Lord God. M.D.LX.IX.



A declaration of the taking of this straunge fish, with the length & bredth, &c.



Doing you to vnderstande, that on thursdaye the .xvi. daye of this present month of June, in y^e yeare of our Lord God. M.D.LX.IX. This straunge fishe (whych you see here pictured) was taken betweene Callis, and Douer, by sertayne English Fisher men, whych were a syhyng for mackrell. And this straunge & merueylous fishe, folowyng after the scooles of Mackrell, came rushinge in to the fisher mens Netts, and brake and toze their nettes marueiloulie, in such sorte, that at the fyf^t they weare muche amased ther at: and marueiled what it shold bee, that kept suche a sturr with their Netts, for they were verie much harmed by it, with breking and spoylng their Netts. And then they seing, and perceiuyng that the Netts wold not serue by reason of the greatness of this straung fishe, then they with such instrumeents, ingins, & thinges that they had: made such shif that they tooke this straung fishe. And vppon fridaye the morowe after brought it vpp to Willynges gate in London, whyche was the .xvii. daye of June, and ther it was scene and bewid of manie which marueiled much at the straungnes of it. For here hath never the lyke of it ben scene: and on saterdaye, being the .xviii. daye, sertayne fishe mongers in new Fishstreet, agreed with them that caught it, for, and in consideracion of the harme, whych they receiued by spoylng of ther Netts, and for their paines, to haue this straunge fishe. And havinge it, did open it and flated of the skinn, and sauved it hole. And adiudging the meat of it to be good, broyled a peece and tasted of hit, and it looked whit like Ale when it was broiled, and was good & sauorie, (though sumwhat straung) in the eating, and then they sold

of it that same saterdaye, to suche as wold buy of the same, and they them selues did bake of it, and eate it for daintie: and for the more seruiteintantie and opening of the truth, the good men of the Castle and the Kinges head in new Fishstreet, did bui a great deale & bakke of it, and this is moste true.

His straunge fishe is in length .xvii. foote, and .iii. foote broad, and in compas about the bodie .vi. foote, and proportioned as you see here by this picture, and is round snowted, shor^t headdis as you see, hauing .iii. ranckes of teeth on eyther iawe, marnaylous sharpe and very shor^t. ii. eyes growing neare his snout, & as big as a horses eyes, and his hart as big as an Ores hart, & likewise his liver and lightes bige as an Ores, but all the garbidge y^e was in hys bellie besides, would haue gone in to a fift hat. Also .iv. finnes, & .ii. of the somost bee .iii. quarters of a yard longe from the body: & a verie big one on the fore parte of his backe, as you see he^r by this picture, blackish on the backe & a little whitish on the belly, a slender tayle, and had but one bone & that was a great rydge bone runninge a longe his backe, from the head vnto the tayle, and had great force in his tayle when he was in the water. Also it bath .v. gills of eache side of the head, shewing white as you see. Ther is no proper name for it that I knowe but that sertayne men of Captayne Hawkynses, doth call it a Sharke. And it is to bee scene in London, at the red Lyon, in Fleetstreete.

Fininis. M.D.

C. H.

Imprynfed at London,
in Fleetstreete, beneathe the conduit, at
the signe of Saint John E-
uangelist, by Thomas
Colwell.